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Three people charged in Cameron murder case

Two men have been charged with first degree murder and one of the men's mother has been charged with accessory after the fact to murder in connection with the death of Kent Robert Knights.

The remains of the 35-year-old man from Cameron were discovered by police December 23 on a property just off Contau Lake Road in Glamorgan Township. He had been reported missing December 11.

A post mortem determined he died as a result of a beating.

Charged with first degree murder are a 37-year-old

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Come on, let's play

Joanna Logan takes a break from hockey to play with Chelsea the family dog a one-year-old golden retriever on the family ice rink on Grass Lake. At the other end of the rink her father George, her sister's boyfriend Anthony Mestroni and sister Katie carry on with the game.

Firefighter helps woman and her mother out of burning house on Kashagawigamog

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

One house lost its garage and another house lost its roof in two separate fires in Haliburton over the holidays.

On December 28, Colleen Edwards was in the kitchen of her Kashaga Lane home preparing a dinner for her 82-year-old mother, Val.

"She wasn't well so I put on a fire and put her in the big chair by the fire," she says. "I was carving the roast to take it to her when she screamed. I ran into the living room. I thought the

log had fallen onto the carpet, but I never leave the fireplace door open."

Instead, burning parts of the ceiling were falling down, setting off smaller fires.

In her panic, she had difficulty calling the Dysart Fire Department.

"In an emergency," she says, "don't ever call zero."

When she dialed zero, all she got was a recorded message. All she could think of doing to reach an operator was calling 411. As soon as she got an operator, she said her house was on fire. Although the operator

wanted her to stay on the line, Edwards said "ceiling tiles were on fire and dropping on the carpet".

The first on the scene was Lyle McCracken, a Dysart firefighter whose house backs onto Edwards'.

"I thought the house was empty at first but I went to the door and hollered and they said they were in there," says McCracken. When he stepped inside, he saw that "there was probably a hole four or five feet in the ceiling" caused by the fire.

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This garage on Burke's Road was completely engulfed in flames when the Dysart firefighters arrived at three in the morning last Thursday. The garage and two vehicles in it were destroyed.

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A few weeks ago *The Echo* ran a story about a poetry contest the Federation of Ontario Naturalists is hosting. Local poets who wanted to enter were no doubt a little frustrated when they discovered there was no address to send their entries to. So here it is: Federation of Ontario Naturalists Poetry Contest, c/o Nancy Reid, 355 Lesmill Rd., Don Mills, ON, M3B 2W8. The E-mail address is info@ontarionature.org and more information is available by calling 1-800-440-2366 or at the web-

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Discover Boating is the theme of this year's Toronto International Boat Show, which runs January

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

12 to 20 at the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place. A special feature this year will be the opportunity to meet Olympic Silver Medalist Terry McLaughlin, who won the Canada's Cup sailing race on the Great Lakes. His boat, the Defiant, will also be on display. Derek Hatfield, who is about to embark on the 28,000-mile Around Alone Race will also be a guest feature. For show information visit www.torontoboatshow.com or call (416) 203-3934

After September 11, many people became concerned about the threat of "identity fraud" - thieves who take advantage of your personal records and information. The Ministry of Consumer and Business Services says you can help protect yourself by keeping documents such as your birth certificate, passport and social insurance card in a safe place and not carrying

them in your wallet. Other important documents should also be kept in a safety deposit box where they cannot be stolen. For details call 1-800-889-9768 or visit www.cbs.gov.on.ca

In other consumer news, there's a new website which provides clear and concise consumer information. Topics at <http://ConsumerInformation.ca> include children, communications, consumer products, environment, food, fraud/deceptive practices, government services, health, housing, internet, money, safety, travel/tourism and transportation. It's sponsored by the federal government.

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Sir Sam's night life

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Ready to race

With the Haliburton Dog Sled Derby set for this weekend, Winterdance teams are in the mood for a run

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Outside, the sound of 69 dogs barking is muffled, as if someone has pressed a giant mute button.

But open the door to the Winterdance kennel and suddenly a cacophony of yips, howls and barks fills the air with a canine symphony.

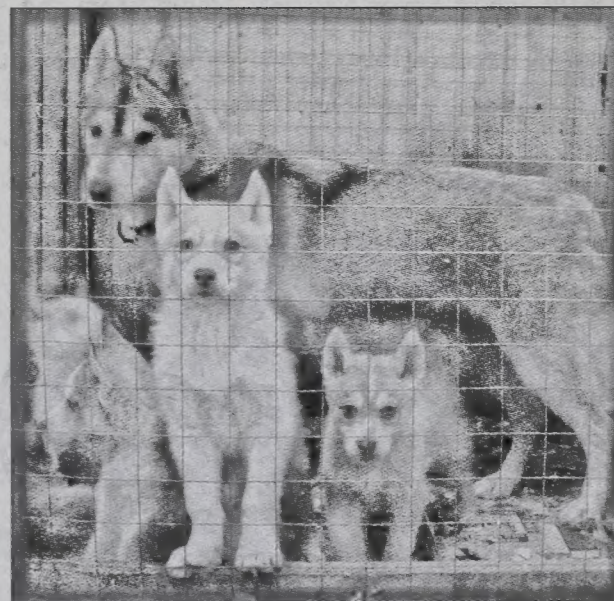
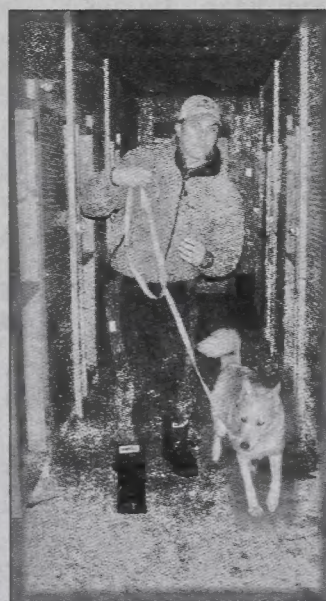
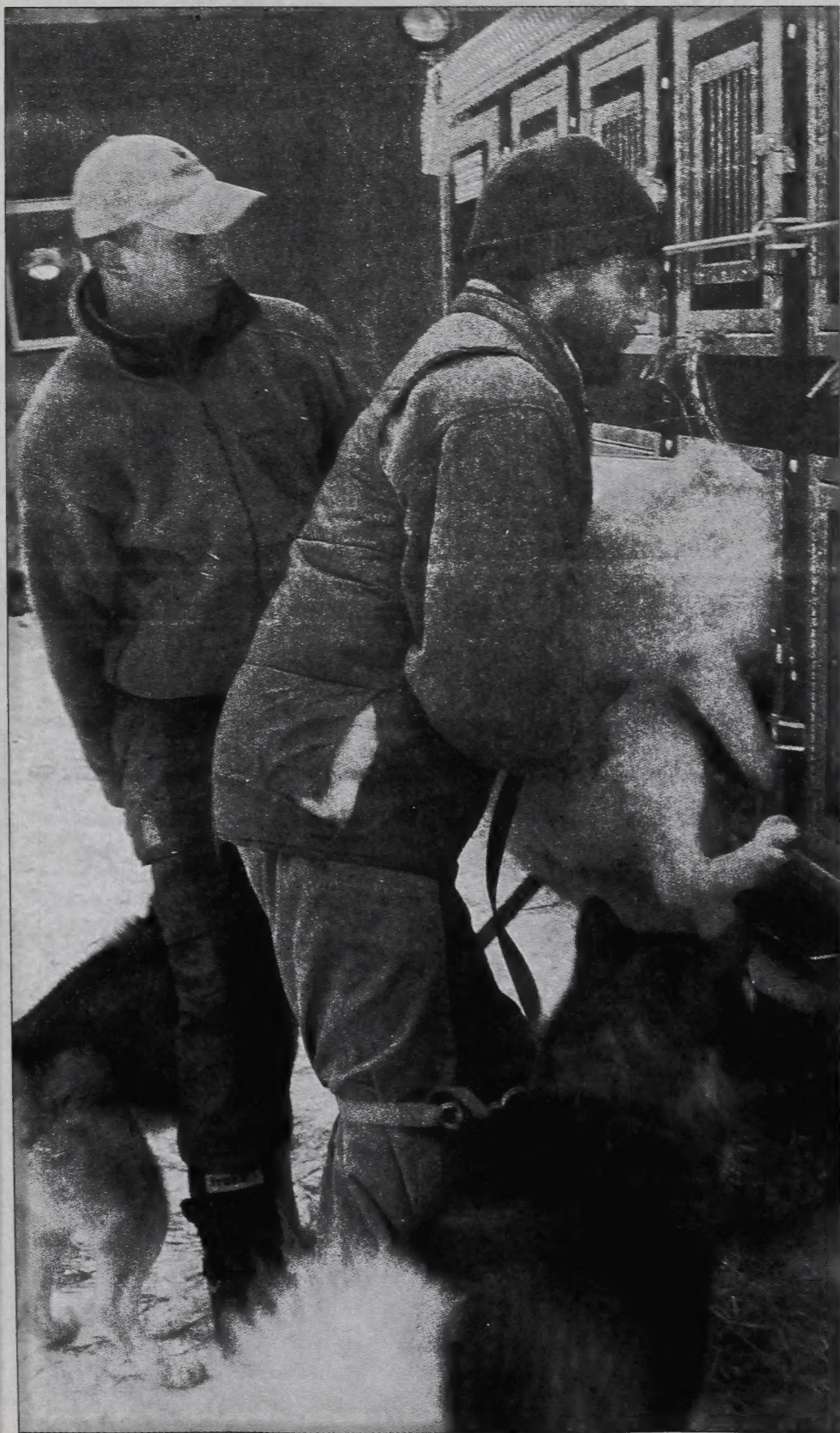
And if you could understand the language of purebred Siberian husky, all you'd be hearing is "Pick me! Pick me!"

These dogs are born to run and as owner Hank DeBruin and his assistant Cory Pietruszyn quickly run along the length of the kennel looking for today's

sled dog teams, the dogs fling themselves against the wire walls of their pens trying to win their favour. The dogs know what's happening; they know that when the pen door opens, they'll be let out, put inside the waiting truck and taken to a forested spot where they'll be allowed run their hearts out. And that's what they're aching to do.

"They're the perfect athlete," says DeBruin who, like the dogs tugging him towards the truck, seems to have only two speeds: full stop and full tilt.

On this morning, the lucky dogs that DeBruin and Pietruszyn pick will be giving Winterdance's patrons a hint of what it would be like to race across a frozen tundra. Haliburton might not have tun-



"Pick me, pick me" the Siberian huskies seem to be excitedly barking when Hank DeBruin and Cory Pietruszyn pace up and down the Winterdance kennels, trying to decide which dogs they'll load up for that day's tours, left. This mother's pups, above right, are the next generation of Winterdance's adventure-bound runners. DeBruin, who owns Winterdance with his wife Tanya McCready, says the huskies are natural athletes born with a competitive spirit.

Photos by Martha Perkins

dra, but it does have snow and forest, and dog sledding has become a popular winter pastime for those who just want a taste of northern adventure.

This Saturday and Sunday, however, Winterdance's top athletes will be let out of their pens for a little adventure of their own: competing in the first annual Haliburton Sled Dog Derby, which has been organized by DeBruin, his wife Tanya McCready and fellow volunteer Terry Maher. (For a race schedule, see the ad in this week's *Echo*.)

All races start and finish at Head Lake Park and free shuttle buses will take spectators to two other vantage points as well (one in Glebe Park across the lake).

Although the weather has been a bit iffy, DeBruin and McCready are confident that a few cold nights will give the lake the extra inch of ice they need; lucki-

ly, the snow needs to be only 10 cm deep and there's lots in the forecast.

Let the races begin.



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Irondale teen to represent Canada in New York chess playoffs

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Josh Pasley has played chess against people from all over the world, yet thanks to the Internet, he's never had to leave his home in Irondale.

On February 8, however, when he sits down at a chess board in New York City, he'll be facing real live opponents from across North America.

The soon-to-be-14-year-old Grade 8 student at J. Douglas Hodgson will be one of the players representing Canada at the junior North American chess championships.

It's an exciting prospect.

But also an expensive one.

Josh has to pay about \$1,400 for the honour of competing in Brooklyn. So far, the Glamorgan Fire Department and the Gooderham Seniors Club as well as individual donors have chipped in, but more financial assistance would be appreciated

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Josh Pasley will play chess any time, any where. Next month he'll be in New York City to face off against other players from Canada, the United States and Mexico.

by Josh and his parents, Nora and Richard.

It was in Blake Paton's class at Gooderham Elementary School that Josh was introduced to the game and became intrigued by the mental challenge. Of the four Pasley children, it's only the oldest, Sarah, who didn't have Paton as a teacher, who doesn't play.

"Blake is the one who really got this going," says Richard Pasley, noting that several students from the school have reached high levels of competition in the game. "It's a fantastic thing. It's made a positive change as far as using their brains is concerns."

At home the Pasley kids have

Nintendo and a Sony Playstation, but there's something about this centuries-old game that keeps their attention. Computer games enhance eye/hand co-ordination but don't give the brain as much practice, their dad says.

"Chess is challenging because you can only move pieces certain ways," Josh says, adding that the game appeals to him in the same way Lord of the Rings does. As well, given the studies linking chess with academic success, it's perhaps not surprising Josh's best subject is math.

Asked to describe his technique, Josh says he's mostly an offensive player. "I don't think I have the patience to wait for the

other person to do something," he smiles. He thinks of his moves in advance but also gives himself the flexibility to respond to his opponent's.

"I think of a move but I might see another one so I do the better of the two. People aren't willing to sacrifice pieces and I am."

His dad says Josh is a natural. "He's been winning ever since he started playing. I think he plays by feel, and a lot of it is concentration."

When they attended championships in Toronto, a lot of the kids there were of European descent and had personal trainers in chess, Richard Pasley says. "Josh does it all on his own

- and he wins."

On February 8, Josh will be joining other Canadian competitors when they catch a coach bus to Brooklyn, where the North American championships are being held over four days. A tour of the city has been arranged, and Josh hopes it includes going by Ground Zero where the World Trade Centre towers used to stand.

Getting this far in the chess championship is Josh's second success story of 2001. He also came second in the province for poetry in the Legion's Remembrance Day contest.

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The centrepiece of every family's Christmas celebration winds up as chipper fodder

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Talk about your love-hate relationship – when it comes to Christmas trees, we're guilty to the nth degree of loving 'em and leaving 'em.

We plan major family excursions to the Great Outdoors in search of The Perfect Tree. We set it up in a place of honour in the living room. We decorate it with cherished heirlooms, dainty spun glass and tacky plastic Santas. We gather around it on Christmas morning, we toast it with egg nog and we sing Christmas carols about it.

Then we dump it like a hot potato. (Sounds like an old boyfriend, doesn't it?)

The very smart among us have the Christmas tree routine down pat. Take the Champion family. Mark and Lana Champion live in Pickering but like many Echo readers they make regular pilgrimages to the Highlands. And like many others, they have little kids at home: four-year-old Sofia and two-year-old Eliza.



Mark and Lana Champion and their children Eliza and Sofia have opted for the brilliant and easy-to-clean-up artificial tree.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



This pile of abandoned Christmas trees at the Haliburton landfill will be put in a chipper and left for the compost pile. Gardeners love the free compost, landfill manager Mark Brohm says.

When Sofia was a toddler, her parents weren't sure how to keep her out of the tree. So they put the tree on the deck, where they could see it through the patio doors.

Not satisfied with that as an ideal solution (it made for a frosty Christmas morning), last year they bought an artificial tree – the kind with the lights already strung on it. They felt pretty smug about it all, until the kids knocked the tree over one day. When Lana set the tree upright, she put away all the surviving breakable ornaments and tied the shatterproof ones on the branches with butcher's string. In knots.

When Christmas was over, Mark took the whole tree downstairs, lights and ornaments and all, and stuck it in a corner of the basement. This Christmas he simply carried it upstairs and plugged it in.

But that doesn't help the people who harbour a fondness for real trees and who have to deal with the tree carcass when the holidays are over.

Some of us merely drag the dead tree a few feet into the forest and abandon it. Because it takes quite a few years for a tree to decompose, annual tree abandonment pilgrimages reveal many ghosts of Christmas trees past.

Other people shred them and put them in their gardens come spring, or take them to the local landfill site.

Fact is, the landfill site is a pretty happening place this time of year, what with all that crinkled Christmas wrapping, turkey bones, broken toys and abandoned trees to deal with. Mark Brohm looks after the landfill site in Haliburton for Dysart et al and he agrees it's a busy place.

"We've got a mountain down there," he said. Luckily, "people have been pretty good about recycling."

As for the Christmas trees, there is a spot for them at

the Dysart dump. Many will end up first in the chipper/shredder and then the compost heap. Brohm said, "Anyone's welcome to help themselves to the compost."

But not all trees will be composted. At least not at first. Brohm said one of the public schools in the area have asked for Christmas trees to help screen eyesores. Other people ask for trees to use as trail markers on lakes.

However, even these seeing-eye trees will eventually be chipper fodder.

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how ignoble is thy ending ..."

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Garage fire destroys two cars and damages house

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McCracken escorted Edwards' mother out first then went back inside for Edwards, who was very distraught. The two cats were also rescued.

Edwards is very grateful for McCracken's efforts in saving them from injury.

Once the fire was doused, firefighters had to tear down the roof. Edwards, a well-known stained glass Studio Tour artist, was able to get some of her valuables first.

This was the second time her house has been ruined by fire. In 1981, her house was hit by lightning and she lost everything.

She has been staying at Delta PineStone and has yet to decide whether to try to restore the house or rebuild.

Commenting on all the help she has received since the fire, she says "I have never received so much kindness."

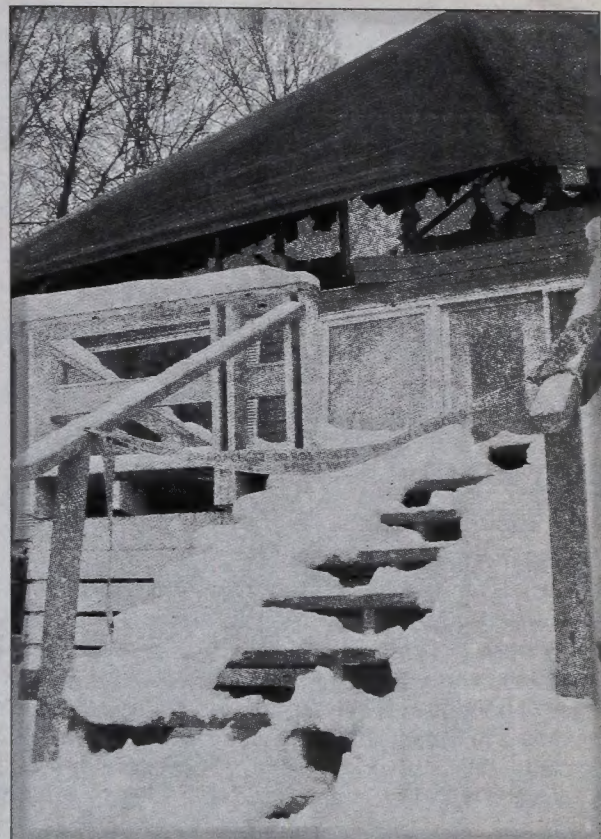
At 3 a.m. on January 3, owners of a home on Burke's Road phoned the Dysart fire department to alert them that their two-car garage was on fire.

"The roof collapsed just as we were pulling in," says Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan. "It was fully involved."

The garage was about 16 metres from the home and the heat of the flames melted the siding on one side of the house. Inside the garage, which also included a second-storey storage loft, were two vehicles. They too were completely destroyed, bringing the total damage to an estimated \$100,000.

The cause of the fire is not yet known. The garage was not heated but it did have electricity.

Maughan says it is difficult to tell if one of the vehicles caught on fire first, burning down the garage, or the other way around. It will be up to the insurance company to decide whether to determine the cause.



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

A blue tarpaulin covers the burnt out roof of Colleen Edwards' home on Kashaga Lane. Hundreds have visited it on the Studio Tour.

Investigation continues in case of murdered man whose remains were found near Irondale

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Cameron man and his 20-year-old cousin from Lindsay. The mother of the Cameron man, a 53-year-old woman from Cameron, was charged with accessory after the fact.

The mother and son appeared in Lindsay court on December 31. The 20-year-old was in court on January 3.

Officers from the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of Det. Insp. Jim Wilson of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, are continuing the investigation.

Officers spent several days in the Gooderham/Irondale area after the discovery of the remains during a police search.

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Ontario implements strategy to prevent Algonquin Park wolves being killed

The Ontario government's ban on hunting and trapping of wolves in and around Algonquin Park is now in effect to help ensure the sustainability of park wolves.

"There was significant support from the public for restrictions," said Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen. "The ban and moratorium will help reduce human-caused mortality of wolves and ensure wolves continue to play an important role in the Algonquin ecosystem."

A permanent year-round ban has been imposed on hunting and trapping of wolves in Clyde and Bruton townships, and the portion of Eyre Township located within Algonquin park. There will also be a 30-month, year-round moratorium on wolf hunting and trapping in 39 townships around the park. The regulation changes took effect December 20, 2001.

Earlier this year the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada designated the eastern wolf a species of Special Concern - a risk category that indicates the status of the population should be carefully monitored. Algonquin Park is the largest protected area for the eastern wolf in North America.

The regulation changes follow more than two-and-a-half years of public consultation and study. In 1998, the Minister appointed the Algonquin Wolf Advisory Group to look at the status of the Park wolves. The advisory group presented its report to the Minister last year and he recently announced a management strategy that is based on and exceeds the group's recommendations.

The proposed regulation changes were posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry for a 30-day comment period, which ended December 19, 2001.

Application for Haliburton radio station filed with CRTC

On Thursday, January 3rd at 12:04 p.m. the application for a community radio station for Haliburton County was placed in the hands of Canada Post for delivery to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission in Ottawa.

An original and six copies of the application, each an inch thick, contained the non-profit station's proposal with detailed plans on how it intends to operate the radio station, commonly referred to as Canoe FM. The application contained the signatures of over 1,000 people who signed their name in support at various county events this past summer. There are also 21 letters of support from various county organizations.

The filing is the culmination of dedicated year-long work by an enthusiastic group of Haliburton County residents. First discussed in October of 2000, early in 2001 the group began a series of meetings and trips to other communities to investigate, plan and design the proposed radio station.

The proposal calls for 126 hours of broadcasting per week with a wide variety of programs. There is a heavy commitment to Spoken Word programming with a promised 25.7 percent each week. This will include a number of programs including daily information and music for teenagers through to senior citizens. There are proposed cooking, fishing and golf programs, some with audience telephone interaction. Local authors and actors are also anxious to prepare programs for the radio station. Other planned programming includes

50's rock and roll, jazz, big band and a country program Saturday morning. There will be lots of information broadcast that is of interest to Haliburton County residents.

Local musical talent is also committed to working with Canoe and a committee has already been formed.

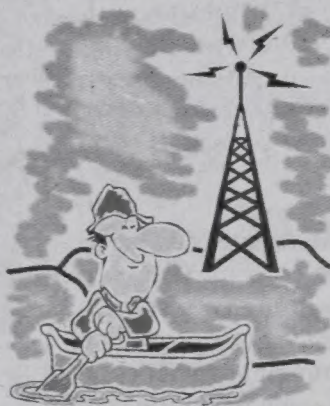
These local singers, musicians and performers will plan and implement shows and concerts to raise money, as well as for broadcast on the non-profit radio station.

The CRTC can take anywhere from three to six months to make a decision, after which the station has a full year to get on the air. Jack Hewitt of Eagle Lake, Chairman of the Association is anxious to have the station broadcasting by early this summer.

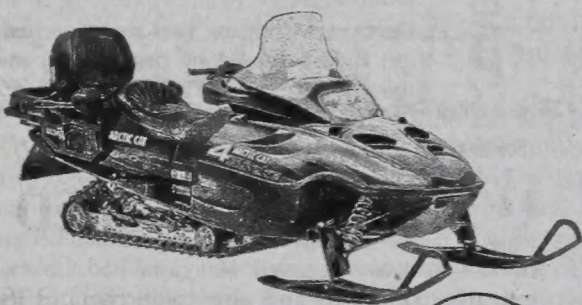
As a non-profit community station, Canoe FM is busy raising money to finance its estimated \$100,000.00 start-up cost.

It is also seeking volunteers to participate in radio programs, both music and news, or to work behind the scenes in the office or on technical aspects.

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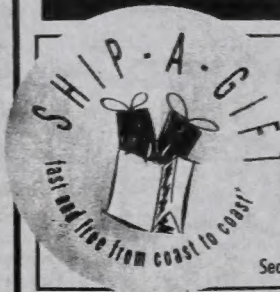
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Curling matters

As any newcomer will know, when you first move to the Highlands, one of the first things you're encouraged to do is join the curling club. For many years, not only was curling the only game in town for adults during the winter, but the curling club was also the centre of the village's social life. And curling is an extremely social activity. In fact, it sometimes seems that the only reason why curlers curl is that it gives them an excuse to gather in the club room afterwards to talk about it. For newcomers, the invitation to curl was

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— martha perkins

an invitation to become full-fledged members of the community and immediately become immersed in a ready-made sphere of friends. All you needed to belong was a broom.

The mood at Saturday's 60th anniversary party for the Haliburton Curling Club was a case in point. After gathering for a home-cooked meal by members, many of the "oldtimers" got up to share their memories of the past. The atmosphere was collegial and festive; the laughter rose like waves on the crest of the stories.

When you looked around the crowd, you saw a perfect mixture of town life. There were the oldtimers, the ones either born here or with a long past. They could share the stories of the days when curlers played on natural ice, sharing the space with the hockey players. They shared highlights of past years, with each memory building the foundation of a strong and vibrant curling club today. Some of the people listening to the stories were people who have only recently called Haliburton home. Perhaps they were cottagers who retired to their Highlands get-away; perhaps they were just tired of city life and Haliburton seemed an attractive alternative. But whether they were conscious of it or not, the curling club was an important reason why they made the decision to move here. Not only did curling provide them with a fun pastime, but it also introduced them to the community, thus making them feel part of it. And belonging is what small town life is all about.

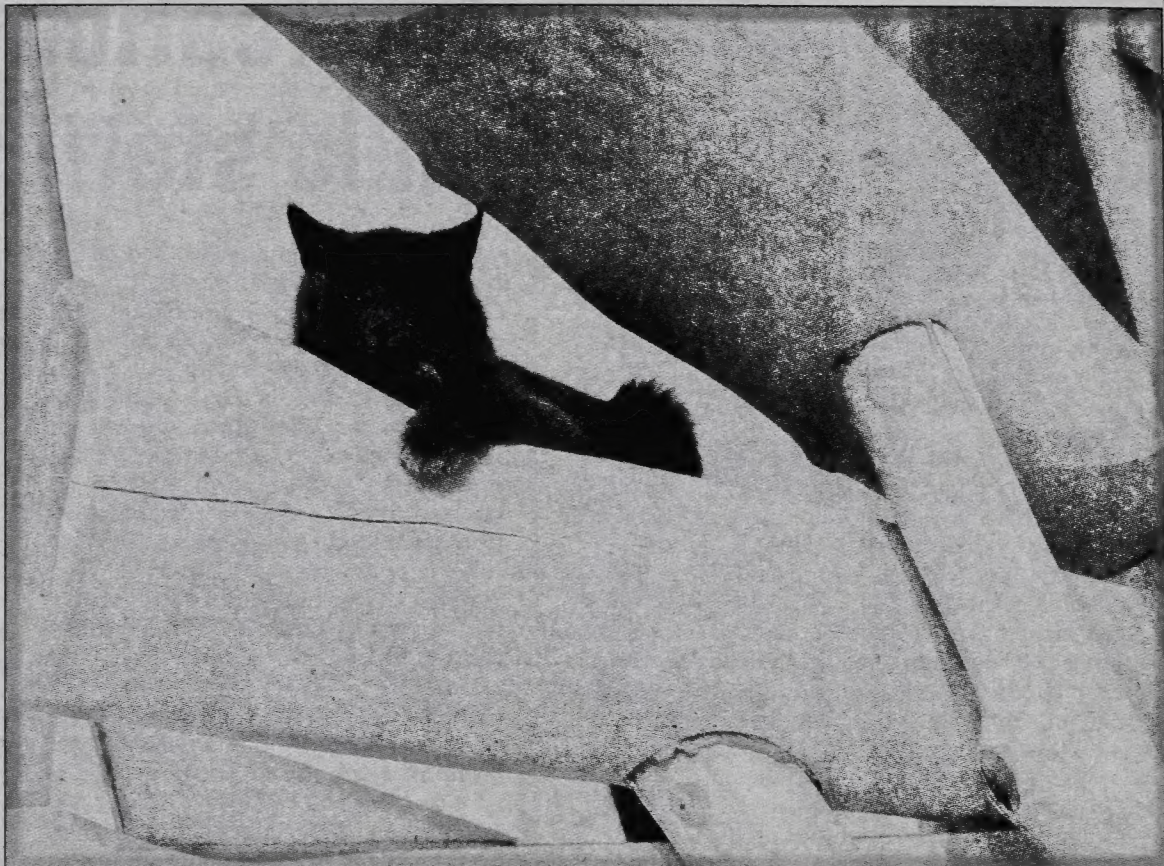
As the economy in the Haliburton Highlands grows as a result of baby boomers looking for a place to retire to, places such as the curling club will become an even more important facet of that growth. Today's retirees are younger, more active. Some will have enough money to travel, some will look for ways to find their fun closer to home. All will need to find a vibrant, welcoming community full of things for them to do.

So not only is the curling club a vital draw for newcomers, but it also has a more direct economic impact. A thriving club hosts bonspiels. Those bonspiels attract out-of-town players who need to be fed and accommodated. While they're here, those visiting teams also get a glimpse of what a beautiful place this is to live, planting the seed of a retirement or cottaging dream.

As Chester Howse, president of the Haliburton Curling Club, said at Saturday night's fete to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary, "this club is growing; this club is good for this town."

This town, and others, should therefore be receptive to the club's needs. Curling clubs deserve the support not just of curlers, but the community at large, because it's the community at large which benefits from the club's presence. Whether it's Haliburton, or Minden or Wilberforce, all communities are made stronger because of their curling club.

To the Haliburton Curling Club, happy 60th. May your ice always be smooth, your laughter warm and your presence appreciated.



A comfortable perch

photo by MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Silence is golden

In the right hands, progress is a wonderful thing but, believe me, there are other times when it can go too far - like when it's placed in my two left hands, for instance.

I was reminded of this just after Christmas as I sat down with my son to play the electronic battleships game that his uncle had bought for him.

You'd think that this would be one of those father-son bonding experiences that you always hear about. Then again, everyone says the same thing about playing street hockey with your kid - right up until the time when that below-the-belt slap shot ensures that he'll never have another sibling. Just as 'Hey, nice save dad!' won't cut it at times like those, neither will taking your rank as Admiral too seriously when you are playing battleships. After all, it's only a game.

Well, not really. Though it is essentially the same battleships game that we've all played once or twice as kids - you know A-9, miss, B-4, hit, and so on - it has also entered the computer age kicking and screaming just like the rest of us. If the HAL 9000 computer (from 2001: A Space Odyssey) had off-spring, this would be it.

I'm not saying that I'm technically challenged, but I will admit that I have trouble turning on a solar-powered calculator at high noon. Also understand that Ryan is still working hard to make it through second grade, just as I did several times. Because of this, it took a whole lot of slow and careful explanation before we got through the pre-game procedure of programming each ship's position on the grid. Personally, I thought this was ridiculous. After all, this is supposed to provide a kid with fun not frustration. Ryan should never have been put through the anguish of explaining it to me twice.

I plugged in my first set of co-ordinates and hit the fire button.

"B-4," the computer announced, followed by the whistling sound of shellfire and a loud and violent explosion. Just then, Carol walked in and demanded that I excuse myself.

Innocent for once, I quickly explained that the game made these sounds. "Well, at least you didn't

blame the dog for once," she muttered, as she shook her head and left the room.

It wasn't long before Ryan and I were in the midst of a serious father-son naval engagement, the kind that happens in banana republics almost every day. But to be honest, I was already dreaming about shore leave. The game was far too noisy.

Then it happened. Little Lord Nelson sank my cruiser. My jaw hung slack after the computer's voice announced what sounded like, "Blub, blub, blub, you sank my ship." If that wasn't bad enough, the message was so garbled at the end that it was wide open for misinterpretation.

"Dad, that sounded like a swear word! Why would anyone want to sink..."

I quickly interrupted and urged him to continue on with the more wholesome activity of slaughtering of my fleet. I was hoping that this was just a glitch. But the second time it happened there was no mistaking it. The comput-

er not only played battleships but it had a mouth like a sailor too.

True that last word could be taken one way or another but if you have any sort of warped mind at all you'll hear it, and soon enough that's all you hear. Ryan was overjoyed. His game had violence, gunfire, explosions and now toilet humour too. What more could a little boy ask for?

I'm sure that's why he took after my fleet with a renewed vengeance. Not only did he want to win but now he also wanted to invoke the forbidden sword seven times; once for every ship.

On the surface, I remained calm but as he finished off each target, I couldn't help but get this sinking feeling. I didn't want to make a big deal of it. Any parent will tell you that this is the worst thing to do. After all ship happens.

So, I acted nonchalant, gritted my teeth and smiled when the game was finally over. As I shook Ryan's hand, I also cautioned him not to use his new-found nautical term at school. Then I got to thinking that it could have been worse. The computer might have called out the name of each individual ship. Then what would I have done when he sank my frigates?

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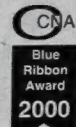
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Kilts and kids

WHEN OLIVIA saw the snowplow through her kitchen window, she immediately decided it was time to take action. Lazing around the house on a Sunday morning might be fine most of the year, but not when a foot of snow has fallen and it's the day before New Year's Eve. Olivia had plans this year and she wanted to be sure she could get out of her driveway. Snow had a way of accumulating when you least want it to and if you didn't keep ahead of it, you could be stuck with hours of shoveling at the worst possible time. So, swathed in winter clothing, she grabbed her shovel and set to work.

The snow was light and easy to move. "Good," Olivia thought as she gleefully threw the powdery stuff up against the fence.

"I've started at just the right time, before it could pack down. Not like last year." At the mere thought of last winter, Olivia shivered through her coat. It had been impossible for her to keep ahead of the snow the previous year. Her home ended up looking like a series of snow piles and drifts with barely a footpath through it. "This year will be different," she told herself, pushing the snow far back to allow for future accumulations.



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As she worked, she noticed how good she felt. The air was fresh, the sun glinting off the snow in a friendly way and all was quiet, except for a distant snow plough. The wind was stirring up small circles of snow, some of which blew back into her face as she shoveled. But Olivia didn't mind. Already she could see her driveway taking shape again and the immense feeling of accomplishment she always had after a really good shoveling out, had started. Besides, tomorrow was New Year's Eve and she would allow nothing to damper her spirits.

Olivia liked the year-end because it provided her with an opportunity to do things she dearly enjoyed: celebrate with friends and evaluate her life. Some people made resolutions. Olivia did a lot of thinking. She thought about past celebrations and past life experiences. She considered new ways to celebrate and new directions to travel.

There was the year she had hosted the best New Year's Eve party ever. A Scotsman in a kilt had fallen backwards off her foot stool, legs flying and kilt following. Everyone laughed, including the Scotsman and the age-old question of what do they wear under those kilts, was finally answered. There was the year she danced all around a kitchen so packed full of people and pets there was barely room to stand, let alone dance. There was the year of the long, late walk through the bush, with the moon for light and the stars and trees the only company she had wanted. There was the year of a snowmobile ride to a house so packed with people and noise that both spilled out through the windows and doors.

Olivia was old enough to notice that the marking of New Year's Eve had changed over time. As a youngster much too little to be awake past nine o'clock, Olivia had had the idea that at midnight everyone opened their doors and ran outside, rattling noise makers and shouting 'Happy New Year' to the world. But as an adult, she had never experienced such a time and wondered if it had once been a tradition that died out or had only existed in her head. People now seemed to plan their celebrations differently, no longer willing to risk drinking alcohol and then driving home.

The year-end personal stock taking had had its ups and downs. Some years were rather gloomy, following the death of a good friend or parent. Or relationship. Other years, when she found herself feeling harried or glum, she only had to look back to where she had been a year ago to immediately feel much better about her life. There were aspirations, perhaps overly high, that never came to be. But there were also others that were determinedly followed and finally achieved. For Olivia, it was the inward looking that was the most beneficial. "Forget quitting smoking and concentrate on what makes you truly happy," she would tell her adult children. Sometimes they listened; sometimes not. But she couldn't resist telling them anyway. In fact one year, she had made a sort-of resolution. It had been to stop telling her children what to do. That was one of her less successful goals.

Now the driveway was finished and Olivia stood on her also clear deck, looking with satisfaction at her handiwork. A neat path had been carved from the driveway to the storage shed, another lead to the birdfeeder and still another to the wood pile and compost. Tonight, her Christmas lights would look especially fine reflecting off the fresh snow and she planned to sit by her fire looking at them as they competed with the full moon. Not that it was any real competition; the moon would always win hands down. But for the holiday season, a little celebration, a little garishness, lightened everyone's load. Olivia was no different. She just wanted to have some fun mixed in with all the work.



Pic of the Past

THE Haliburton Curling Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, and this photo shows an important part of the club's history. The club began by sharing ice with hockey players at the community arena, but by 1948, it was ready to build a separate building beside the arena. Timber for the project was donated by the Hay Lumber Company, and local men volunteered their labour to cut and prepare the timber. Shown at a logging bee in 1948 are, back row from left: Al Perrin, Tom Chambers, Lloyd Swinson, W.R. Curry, Hugh Burke, Cliff Elstone, Len Herron. Front row: Lou Consky, Carl Hussey, Harry Bishop, Lloyd Hussey, Gord Reynolds, and holding the team, Merle Pringle.

letters to the editor

Sewage spill smells like money

To the Editor:

I have read with dismay and disgust the article in the December 24th Echo reporting the raw sewage being released into Kashagawigamog Lake. The figure of 68,000 litres is probably conservative, but is equivalent to approximately 20 domestic septic tanks not just leaking into the lake, but literally being poured. I'm sure those who draw water from this chain of lakes appreciate the faecal matter and the vast array of other sundry repulsive items in their systems and on their beaches. What's a few thousand litres of crap now and then? Maybe with a few more "accidental" spills we will actually be able to see it floating in the bays and stuck in the ice - imagine the variations in colour, shape and aroma. Kashagawigamog could become a tourist attraction second only to the tar ponds of Nova Scotia. If what I just suggested makes you sick - it should! If this trend is allowed to continue, it's closer to reality than you can imagine.

Not only is a gas mask standard equipment near various pumping stations, now we'll have to make sure we have appropriate plugs for all the body orifices when swimming in this, soon to be, cesspool. At the very least, tourists should be warned that if they must swim, they should do so with their mouths shut and their eyes closed; they already know to drive with their windows rolled up and the ventilation turned off.

Apparently this is not the first "accidental" spillage and I doubt very much that it will be the last. In many countries an "accident" such as this is subject to criminal prosecution, whether the prob-

lem originates with the equipment manufacturer, system manager, or municipal jurisdiction. I noticed this past year that local contractors were cited, convicted and publicly chastised (and rightly so) for allowing more or less benign silt, in small quantities, to enter this same chain of fragile lakes. What makes the equipment manufacturer, system manager, and/or the municipality immune from the same laws - especially considering the comparative magnitude of the occurrence?

Haliburton's sewage system appears incapable of dealing with the current flow without incident, whether it be the putrid smell or the "accidental" spills. How is the system going to deal with the explosion of development currently taking place on these unique lakes? How many tens of thousands of litres will the next "accidental" spill be? Progress smells like money, but I suggest that progress can also smell (and taste) like something else without the strict safeguards being properly implemented and monitored.

Jack Sinclair,
Haliburton

Spill is 'deeply disturbing'

The following letter was first sent to Dysart et al council

Dear Sirs:

I am deeply disturbed by the report of a sewage

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



A run for unity one stride at a time

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

UNDER A DOVE SPECKLED SKY, the sunlight washes upon the thousands of runners who are decked out in bright and form fitting running apparel. They move forward to the blue, green and red starting lines of the New York City Marathon like a multi-coloured beast that stretches back, virtually endless.

New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani talks about how New York City and the United States are united in response to the Sept. 11 tragedy. The throngs of runners from across the US and other countries such as Canada, South Africa, Japan, and Germany sing the American anthem. Camaraderie sweeps through them, creating an energy for the race's start marked by a starting pistol.

The starting gun rings clear. It is followed by the booming voice of Frank Sinatra, emanating from street speakers, singing New York, New York: "If I can make it here, I can make it anywhere. Make a brand new start of it in ol' New York. It's up to you New York...New York."

The patter of rubberized feet is drowned out by the singing runners and spectators that permeate along the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in Staten Island.

A crowd of spectators 10 rows deep sees a Canadian Achilles Track Club (ATC) member, Elizabeth Hurdman, completely adorned in Canada's flags and colours, and screams "Go Canada".

Hurdman, a Haliburton cottager, has Retinitis Pigmentosa, a group of degenerative eye diseases that causes progressive vision loss. It inhibits an individual's eyesight to 10 degrees from left to right and up and down. She was unable to see everything, but through the eyes of her guide, local doctor Steve Ferracuti, she was given an overall picture she will never forget. Hurdman said he was like

an extra set of eyes for her.

"I can't see on the side of the road. He would tell me what was happening. He would say, 'You know the crowds are 10 deep now. There is a band playing over there.' He certainly helped to make it a unique and special experience," Hurdman said.

Hurdman was quite impressed with Ferracuti's calm and relaxing demeanor. Instead of letting her become overstressed with the various challenges facing her in a marathon jammed with so many people, "he made it really easy for me. He was just very cool and very supportive, no pressure. He is a real prince..."

"The New York City Marathon is jammed packed so he is constantly: 'a lit-

tle bit to the right. A little bit to the left.' It was a full-time job. He was spectacular in his fulfillment of his duties," Hurdman said.

For the last year she has run with the ATC, an international running club that encourages disabled long-distance runners to participate in the same events as the general public. It provides support, training and technical expertise to disabled runners of all levels. It has 40 chapters in the United States with more than 110 chapters in six continents in countries such as Canada, Norway, Mongolia, Russia, Vietnam and South Africa. The club was founded in New York City in 1983.

Ferracuti, a relatively new runner, was

hesitant about running in marathons period, but his friends persuaded him. He's glad he did.

"If anyone was ever thinking about doing a marathon I would highly recommend going to New York. That was a great experience even without the marathon," says Ferracuti, who likens the marathon to a street party rather than a race.

Ferracuti and his wife Kristy Gammon were one of two local couples who took part in the New York Marathon last November. It was Scott and Debbie Watson who encouraged the two doctors to join them in the marathon, which is unlike any running race in the world. They mailed in their applications for entry into the marathon and were officially entered into the "lottery".

Getting into the marathon is not based on the runner's time, unlike the Boston Marathon. Instead, names are chosen at random from a lottery. Scott Watson was the only person from the group to be picked by the lottery to compete.

"I was the lucky one to get drawn out," Watson said. The first thing he thought was, "Uh, oh, I better do something now."

"I certainly wasn't planning on a marathon. You've got to do a little more training and focus on longer distances. Your weekly output of running really changes," says Watson, a runner of four years.

From his regular scheduled runs of 10 km, he increased his running to include interval type training runs of 8 km one day to 12 km two days after. As he neared the marathon he increased his mileage. The longest race he ever participated in before the marathon was the half-marathon in Ottawa on May 12 earlier that year.

Though delayed, Watson's luck was shared by the group. Going in, the group knew it was a remote chance for them all to get picked by the lottery since the marathon is a runner's dream. But chance played a part in this tale as Ferracuti and Gammon knew that members of ATC needed abled-bodied runners for guides. The three local friends agreed to be

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Elizabeth Hurdman, wearing a Canadian singlet, is guided on the right by Steve Ferracuti across the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in Staten Island. "He certainly helped to make it a unique and special experience," says Hurdman, a Haliburton cottager whose vision has been limited by Retinis Pigmentosa.



Debbie Watson stands with Kristy Gammon at beginning of the New York City Marathon a few months ago. The atmosphere along the 26-mile course was phenomenal. "We must have heard, 'Go Canada', a hundred times. It was fantastic. That really boosts you up. You're tired after all, but when you hear someone cheer for you it's great...There were some Americans singing 'O Canada' and they were also singing their own versions to a different tune of 'O Canada'," Gammon's husband and fellow runner Steve Ferracuti says.

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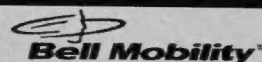
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Spectators make marathon great

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guides and were excited to be joining Scott at the marathon.

The commitment to a run is different when you run for yourself as opposed to running for someone else, Gammon says.

"We were excited, but a little nervous at the proposition. It's a long commitment to train... It's not just yourself, but you have to worry about getting prepared knowing to help someone else do it," she says. She helped Debbie Watson guide a runner with leg problems.

"Your goal becomes that of your athlete," adds Debbie. Just like everyone around the world, they felt shock and disbelief when the Sept. 11 tragedy occurred. Scott and the others were well into their marathon training and everyone in the group believed the race was going to be cancelled. The one thing they didn't count on was the American spirit.

"I thought the race wasn't going to go on. I assumed they were going to cancel that race. Not knowing the American people at all, I just assumed we were going to look for another race to run," Scott said.

ATC member Hurdman was undeterred. In fact, she was motivated by the circumstance to run the marathon to demonstrate her lack of fear to the terrorists.

"I felt strongly, along with most of our group, that it was important to go to support New York and the people there," Hurdman said. "It's like when you go with a real mission. You really feel that you'll have a good time and you're there to be supportive. It was really magical

there."

When the ATC bus drove close to Ground Zero none of them really saw it clearly, but a few were able to catch a glimpse of the debris and the blur of trucks coming back and forth from the area. It was a sight that quieted the bus which had been cheerful and spirited for most of the trip up to that point.

"As we were going by [Ground Zero] there wasn't a lot of talk that went on in the bus. It was a cheery mood and then as we caught a glimpse of it it went all quiet," Scott said.

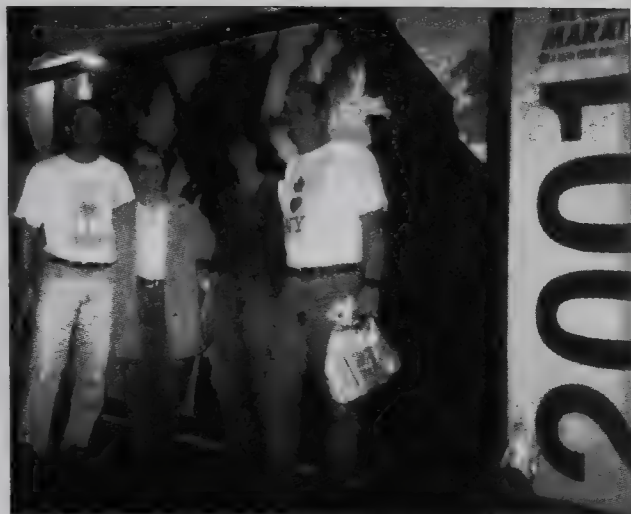
Debbie Watson only remembers signs of the work that was still going on at Ground Zero. "I just saw trucks, dump trucks to take away the debris."

On the day of the marathon everything was forgotten except the 26.2-mile party ahead of the thousands of runners waiting in the starting area. In a race that had the men's and women's course records fall, what stood out for the group was the event's organization, the friendliness of the competitors, but most of all the spectator support.

"The event itself is just huge. There's just a lot of energy. The people in the city support it [so much] that it is unimaginable when compared to any other races or cities."

More than 30,000 runners competed in the marathon while an estimated two million spectators lined the streets to cheer them on.

"I think they were cheering us on for coming and putting Sept. 11 aside and saying, 'No, we're going to run this race anyways.' They were out there to cheer us



(l-r) Steve Ferracutti and Kristy Gammon stand with Debbie and Scott Watson.

on and say, 'Thanks for coming,'" says Scott.

This race is as much for the spectators as the runners. The two are indivisible.

"The spectators are as much a part of the event as the runners are. I think that's why it is unusual. It's about the spectators too. People stand out there just watching people run by," Ferracutti says.

"We must have heard, 'Go Canada', a hundred times. It was fantastic. That really boosts you up. You're tired after all, but when you hear someone cheer for you it's great... There were some Americans singing 'O Canada' and they were also singing their own versions to a different tune of 'O Canada'," Ferracutti says.

The beauty of the event is that the race course travels through five different boroughs in New York City: Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, the Bronx and Manhattan.

"We went through all these different neighborhoods especially Brooklyn. We went through Puerto Rican, Spanish, Italian, Jewish neighbourhoods. We went through Harlem. It was fantastic," Ferracutti says.

At the 17th mile of the race the spectators were up to eight deep and Ferracutti assumed they were there for hours since he was among other runners back in the pack hours behind the leaders.

"People were from everywhere. That really lent to the carnival atmosphere. When you're running it was like being in Toronto because only one in four people spoke English. It was a strongly multicultural event. Everybody is doing the same thing all together. It was like an ideal world," Hurdman said.

A lasting memory that will stay with Hurdman and Ferracutti is the last two miles when something out of a movie occurred.

"In the last two miles people were just singing 'O Canada' as we went by and it was just overwhelming. That's when we felt like the queen - we just waved. We felt incredibly supported," Hurdman said.

She wishes other Canadians could have experienced how much the New Yorkers appreciated them.

Debbie, Steve and Kristy were thankful of the opportunity to run in such a great race and are appreciative of the ATC.

"If there is anything I'd like to promote it is the ATC," Debbie says. "It's a wonderful club and has a wonderful cause it is something I am more than willing to promote."

In the end, all of the runners' times were different but the experience for everyone was the same: unforgettable.



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Lake resident wonders why spill not announced

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spill on Lake Kashagawigamog. This is not the first problem and will no doubt not be the last, but this is extremely serious and the fact that we were not advised is appalling. Insofar as the mechanics in the operation of the sewage plant and pumping stations is concerned that is a matter for the engineers to look after, but I do believe there should have been more safety checks to assure the alarms were properly working.

However, we are talking about the health and safety of residents of this lake.

The December 24th issue of The Echo quotes CAO Donna McCallum as saying "in the immediate area, we made sure no one would take water from the lake". It also mentions that McCallum does not know how many people draw water directly from the lake, but she suspects it would only be a few cottagers and it is unlikely many of them would have been at the cottage at the time.

Regarding her first statement, nobody made sure we were not drawing water from the lake and I feel we are close enough to the spillage that we should have

about six or seven lots between our place and the spillage, and by water we are too close for comfort. There are at least seven permanent residents in close proximity to us.

Suspecting there are only a few that would draw water directly from the lake is not good enough. We are talking about another Walkerton tragedy in the making. It is also rather disturbing to note that the health unit issued a boil water order for Kashagawigamog. They may have issued an order but nobody seems to have known about it including council.

We do draw water from the lake and we do have a filtering disinfection system, but it should not be taken for granted that everyone has this protection. There may be some who buy their drinking water (which we do as well), but who use the lake water for bathing, cleaning teeth, washing vegetables, etc. and this could have created a serious problem for them.

The fact that 15,000 gallons of raw sewage escaped into our beautiful Lake Kashagawigamog not only angers me, but deeply saddens me as well. It is particularly disturbing to me since I came to this lake with my family to spend summer vaca-

tions starting way back in 1931, and the lake at that time was as you can imagine very pristine. We have owned our present residence for 41 years and lived here as permanent residents for over 18 years. I have seen such a decline in the water quality of this lake over those years and especially so since the sewage plant went in. Not to minimize the importance of good septic systems on the lake, but his would seem rather minor compared to the amount of raw sewage that spilled in at this time.

I would suggest you be very vigilant regarding the operation of the sewage plant and the maintenance of the pumping stations. Also I would hope you would have some better plan in effect to advise residents if something so unfortunate were to happen again.

I would be interested to know who was advised of the problem and why we and other nearby residents were not and what plans are now in place if future problems occur. Please advise.

Elva Robinson,
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Column was gender biased

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The promotion of harmful gender stereotypes in Steve Galea's columns is inappropriate in your newspaper. This material would be more suited to a so-called "men's magazine", rather than a local community newspaper.

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To The Editor:

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Ann Maher
Haliburton Village



Resource Steward Recognition Award Request for Nominations

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Nomination Deadline: January 31, 2001

Nomination forms available on-line at www.ontariostewardship.org/HALIBURTON/haliburt.htm or by contacting the Stewardship Office at 613 332-3940 Extension 260/261.

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How can the public support Rails End Gallery now?

To the Editor:

Re: December 4 story on Rails End Gallery staff layoffs

What a shame, what a crying shame! You change the job description (from part-time to full-time), dismiss the staff, and then tell them they can re-apply for their own positions. Will the hiring committee now find sufficient reason for denying reinstatement in spite of the staff's satisfactory past performance? Now that these jobs are 'full time', does that mean that whomever should replace Carmount, Ball and Souriel will do 9 - 5, five day weeks, 52 weeks a year (with the appropriate vacation/pay of course) and with all the benefits that 'full time' warrants? Is this not what full-time means? Can the Gallery afford this?

Obviously, the Board wanted to get rid of the staff ("fire" them) and chose an unethical and unprofessional means to carry out the dirty deed

All recent events at the Gallery, including the most recent Gala Event, have been successful. Why? Partly because of the very competent and tireless efforts of the now unemployed staff. Then there is the matter of the grant money which this staff have not only been successful in obtaining but have also laid the ground work for more to come. Will the new job descriptions require attendance at 'after hours' function such as those that the former staff organized and attended and for which no overtime pay was due them under the terms of their 'part time' job descriptions?

Ex Director Laurie Carmount and her staff should be commended for the care and dedication with which they have performed their duties at the Rails End Gallery. The real value of people such as Laurie cannot be measured in the amount of hours spent at a desk, nor the amount of dollars that go into a salary. How can you measure the community networking that Laurie has so diligently nurtured in order to promote the Gallery? Was she not already working the equivalent of full time but on a part time salary? Given the on-going financial situation of the Gallery, can it really afford a "full time" Curator at a "full-time" salary?

As a member of the community and supporter of the Gallery, I want some answers as to why such a drastic and risky decision was taken. How can the public feel comfortable supporting this organization after this debacle?

We should remember that this is not the first time staff problems have occurred under this Board. There have been six curators in the past nine years - including Laurie Carmount who lasted four years before her dismissal! Perhaps a "new" job description for members of the Board should have been written and their positions terminated with the same invitation to re-apply!! Such a move might prove to be more beneficial to the future of the Gallery.

Pat Lowery
Boshkung Lake

Health care underfunded

To the Editor:

Over the last several weeks, there have been many articles concerning health care services and health care service providers. They may seem the same but they are not. Health care services are handled by the hospitals and health care service providers are handled by the access centre, but both are funded by the government.

Does this sound confusing? well it is, until you can separate yourself from these two entities.

Each entity has its own administrative boards, as well as its own funding, budgets and prioritized decisions to make on how they will appropriately provide health care service to the people in our county. I am not going to say anything about a need for restructuring right now, but I would like to offer some praise and challenge to these two separate administration boards.

First, I would like to applaud the statements made by our county hospitals' chief financial officer, Cathy Outram, and the board members. You have all shown intelligence and foresight in your decision to protect and enhance the health care service we receive now because of the ever increasing demands of a fast growing population in our county. I understand how you are struggling with the obvious under-

funding you receive from this government for your administration of health care services.

I would like to now turn my attention to the business of the access centre. I question the decisions being made by the access centre's administration, as per my letter to our local newspapers on Dec. 18/01.

In my opinion, the access centre's budget reducing strategy is being run more like a business and has nothing to do with appropriate health care to our county's elderly. Their decision to cut services rather than some of their top heavy income makers is just another slap in the face to our health care system. If ever a business needed to be restructured, the business of the access centre surely does!

Not wanting to seem unappreciative of the beautiful hospitals our county now has, what good are they if they do not have the funding to operate them effectively?

To the government of Ontario, I say stop this obvious under-funding of our health care system and stop your double talking along with it.

There is just so much more that needs to be said but I guess I'll save it for another letter to the editor.

Frank Robertson,
Miskwabi Lake,
Haliburton

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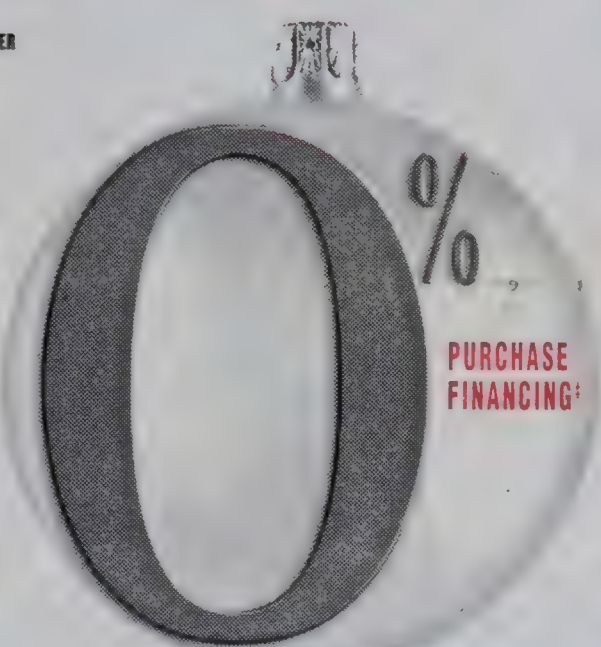
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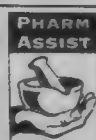
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Saturday, January 12th

7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
(Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129)
7:30 a.m. Late Registration
(Rails End Gallery)
8:00 a.m. Drivers meeting
(Rails End Gallery)
9:00 a.m. 4 dog race start
11:30 a.m. 6 dog race start
2:00 p.m. 3 dog race start
4:00 p.m. Kid & Mutt
9:00 p.m. Dance & Party
(Moose Bar & Grill)

Sunday, January 13th

7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
(Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129)
7:30 a.m. Drivers meeting (Rails End Gallery)
8:15 a.m. 4 dog race start
10:30 a.m. 6 dog race start
1:00 p.m. 3 dog race start
3:45 p.m. Awards Ceremony
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Storm action
over the
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Sweep!: Curlers let the rock slide at the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday morning.

J.D. Crowe's net-minding leads Storm

Peewee Bs earn title C Champions from Kulas tie-breaking goal

Sherrill Sherwood

Special to the Echo

Pre-Christmas Peewee B play against Beaverton's B1 stronghold ended in a loss but had the Storm striving for their best, putting them in shape for the great games to come.

Goaltender J.D. Crowe was HOT at Ennismore's Decemba 28 tournament. The first match, against the Alphonsus B boys, ended in a 2-2 tie. This would hold as the finals were figured out by points for goals, penalty free games, and period wins/losses.

Storm laced up an hour later to try on the Alphonsus C team. The opponents scored two quick ones before the Highlanders warmed up. Two goals by Bradford Burk and one by Tyler Box contributed to a lead in the second period. Four goals by Assistant Captain Jake Ruddy, (three in one shift!), added up to a 7-4 command that was whittled down and surpassed to give Alphonsus C a 10-7 win.

The Storm entered the C finals immediately to start their third game in 3-1/2 hours. Ennismore seemed content with three goals scored in the first minutes of play, until the Highlands tied it up in the third period. A 5 minute, 3 on 3 called to determine a winner revealed no goal and tension mounted as a shoot-out began. J.D. Crowe was unbeatable and Billy

Kulas fired one in to do the Storm proud, making them the C champs.

Billy was voted "Entertainer of the Week-End" at the next day's Beaverton B2 wrestling/hockey match.

Aggressiveness and skillful hockey play made for an exciting ring-side show. Jake Findeis' pass started a play that concluded in a beautiful goal from Mackie Campbell, which stood alone on the scoreboard for the first period. A nice side shot by

Captain Brittany Hicks was deflected in and Robbie Sherwood flipped one in soon after to make it 3-0. Mackie and Bradford Burk each scored again, assisted by Natasha McGann and Michelle Winfield, with Beaverton answering back once to end the second period 5-1. Holding on in the third against strong play from Beaverton was essential.

Helping guide the puck in the right direction along the boards was Winger Andrew Cooper. The sound of Tyler Box's Tie Domi style hit resounded the length of the arena in the body check of the year. Included in the all-important defensive team were Assistant Captain Steven Kerr and Britteny VanNood, displaying strong skating and effective body play. Beaverton came back with too little, too late, leaving Storm to seize a 5-3 win.

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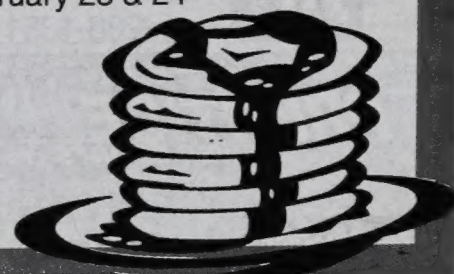
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Holiday turkey doesn't slow Storm

Storm lose A Championship final to Duoro 3-8

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Cango Gas Bar Atom A team were busy over the Christmas holidays with lots of entertaining hockey. They geared up with 3 games before the Christmas rush. They played December 20th at home in Minden against Manvers and the team had quite the skate with some smooth passing.

Having played Manvers already the team felt confident but kept the passing right in check not giving it up. Goals scored by Jessie Stoughton, Brady Hicks, Chase Thurston, Colin Callaghan and Jesse Tallman with assists by Brady Hicks Mitch Vasey, Robert Lowes, Jesse Stoughton, Derek Carpenter, Matt Eno and Mathew Johnston. An well guarded shutout for Kyle Steele and Nathan Woodcock, final score 7-0 for the Storm.

December 21st they travelled to Bobcaygeon for some more hockey fun.

They came out strong and kept going full speed ahead, back checking right to the very end by each player. They were held off the score board until late in the 1st period and scored 6 smooth goals in the 2nd. They kept their heads up for good clean passing coming out with another win. Goals by Mitch Vasey, Jessie Stoughton, Brady Hicks, Chase Thurston and Matt Eno and assisting on those beauty goals were Brady Hicks, Steven Miscio, Chase Thurston, Robert Lowes, Matt Eno, Mitch Vasey and Derek

Carpenter. Final score for the Storm 8-2.

Just one more quick game in Fenelon before the turkey dinners were to be served. They met at centre ice ready for action and it didn't take long for the Storm to get on the score board. Being cautious they proceeded ahead and were smooth on the passes, each player being supportive of each other. They game was short but still they came out ahead with a final score 5-0. Beauty goals and assists were had by the team players with excellent defensive plays by Todd Simms, Steven Miscio, Colin Callaghan and Lane Schmid who guarded the goalies every step of the way. The team had 3 beauty wins to take a little resting time for the Christmas Holiday, way to go guys, keep up the great work.

After the holiday cheer they were all pumped to meet again on December 28th at the Duoro tournament. They played their 1st game not having to start too early against Desoronto coming out full of turkey and gobbled up the puck pretty quick. Getting into the swing of things in the 2nd period they scored 2 nice goals by Mitch Vasey and Chace Thurston assisting Colin Callaghan and Mitch Vasey. The 3rd had 3 more nice goals scored by Jesse Stoughton, Colin Callaghan and Robert Lowes assisting

Brady Hicks, Matt Eno, Steven Miscio and Jesse Stoughton.

Winning their 1st game 5-1. Pumped for more action they played their 2nd game against Norwood with caution in mind not giving up too much, meeting a bit of competition. Stick handling was well in hand by the team for this game

not getting on the score board until midway in the 2nd period with 1 goal by Brady Hicks unassisted. Being supportive, each player kept their positions being defensive and keeping a strong hold and in control they

achieved 2 more goals in the 3rd period by Mitch Vasey and Jesse Stoughton assisting was Steven Miscio and Brady Hicks. Final score for game #2 was 3-1 for the Storm. This put the team in the final for the A Championship. Hard work was in store for this game as they met the host team Duoro for some real competition. Each team scored 2 quick goals in the 1st period but the 2nd and 3rd periods was a movers and shakers kind of game. They were guarded and defensive but couldn't hold on to the very bitter end. Duoro took hold and persisted all the way and the Storm were the A Finalists with a final score for Duoro 8-3.

A great day of hockey was had with the team showing how

supportive eachplayer is for each other. Working hard together with passing being the name of the game this team has shown some real home town hockey entertainment.

Happy New Year was the name of the game for January 3rd home in Minden against Cannington as the 1st game of the year shaped up to be most interesting. The Storm again were anxious to get back in action with the regular season coming to an end in the near future getting geared up for playoffs in a few weeks. Wanting to add another win they came out persistent and defensive and weren't long getting on the score board.

They scored 8 goals by the end of the game with Cannington not getting on the score board. Excellent defensive and offensive plays by each team player Lane Schmid, Todd Simms, Steven Miscio, Colin Callaghan, Mitch Vasey, Derek Carpenter, Matt Eno, Brady Hicks, Matt Johnston, Robert Lowes, Jessie Stoughton, Jesse Tallman, Chace Thurston and of course those awesome goalies Kyle Steele and Nathan Woodcock.

The schedule for the next few weeks is on the move, the team is in Gravenhurst January 5th and 6th for a tournament, away in Woodville January 11th, home against Beaverton on January 13th and are participating in the Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament January 16th to the 20th. Good luck to the team in this 5 day tournament and don't forget to HAVE FUN!



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Jackrabbit program cancellation hurts skiing beginners

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Editor & Staff Reporter

There may be no Jackrabbits hip-hopping along the Glebe Park ski trails this winter.

The popular cross country ski program for children has been cancelled because not enough volunteer teachers could be found.

If more volunteers step forward, organizer Jane Heyes says they may be able to offer the program, but it would be a scramble.

"We'll probably give it a rest this year and build up on training the teachers, she says. "But maybe there'll be some people who step forward. We've still got lots of winter left."

Usually, the Jackrabbit program begins the first Saturday in January, when Glebe Park is awash in a pastiche of brightly-

coloured ski suits. Last year, there were 60 to 70 kids in the senior level, aged nine to 12. It's in this senior level that the shortage of teachers is more acute.

"It's so important to have good teachers for the senior kids to keep them enthusiastic," Heyes says. At this age, they also start skate skiing.

The program is popular with kids because they enjoy skiing with their friends. From the ski club's point of view, Heyes says "it's good to have them learning new skills and not even know it."

Twelve-year-old Erin Nicholson a four year participant with the program learned most of her cross-country skiing techniques from her experience and due to her own involvement her parents are cross-country skiing regularly.

"It sort of bothers me. I was looking forward to it," she says adding that she

entered her first race because of the program.

Erin's mother, Sue, isn't too concerned since Erin was entering her last year and is not a beginner anymore.

"The ones with the little kids who want to get their kids going into it, those are the ones who are going to be affected the most. The kids had a lot of fun. It was amazing how small they were that were out doing

it," she says.

Sue says these kinds of programs not only help the children learn and become involved in cross-country skiing, but the parents as well. "With Erin being involved in the Jack Rabbit it got us involved. It has these spin-offs which won't happen," Sue says.

If interested in getting involved, please call Jane Heyes at 457-1465.

Nothing but wins for Atom B Storm over holidays

WENDY SISSON

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm's Atom B team has enjoyed a successful holiday season. During the first meeting with the Cannington team in Haliburton the home team went on the offensive immediately. Before the 2 minute mark of the first period, the Storm would be ahead by two with Cole Scheffee opening the scoring unassisted followed by Daniel Langpohl assisted by Daniel Walker and Cole. The Storm took an obvious command of the game, dominating play within the opponents' end. Ryan Sherwood would hear his name over the loud speaker for four goals. Cole would score two and Brady Yavis would contribute with one.

Assisting with this 9-4 victory were Logan Brown (4), Cole (2 more), Jay

Winfield, Riley Sisson, Tanner Warburton, Ryan, and Daniel L. Katelyn Cowen was comfortably out of her element as she played several forward shifts.

A week night visit to Bobcaygeon was a great entertainment for the fans. The Storm saw themselves on the upper end of a 2-1 score. Ryan Sherwood would score on a beautiful passing playset up by his line mate Jay Winfield. Alex Lopez and Jarrett Donaldson were strong along the boards helping out Curtis Nichol who was once again in the concentration mode while minding the net. Cole Scheffee would then find the net from the face off as he snuck the puck through the 5 hole. Joey Findeis had a strong game as he muscled his way when necessary.

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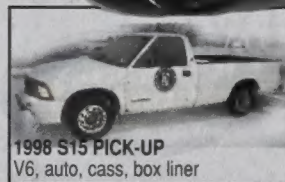
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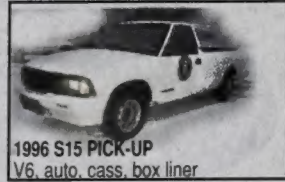
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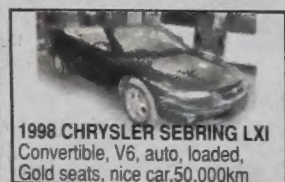
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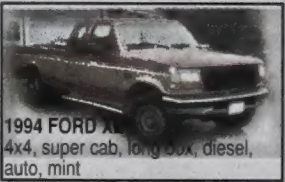
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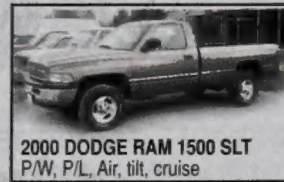
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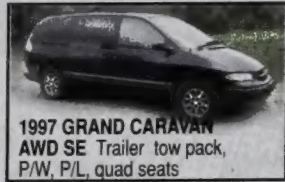
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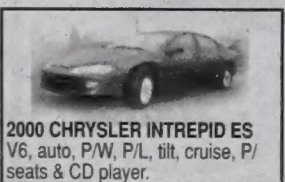
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